Fault and Performance Management for the Access Grid

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What is Fault/Performance Management?

- Fault management is the process of detecting, diagnosing, and correcting faults or problems.
- Performance management is the process of detecting performance problems and taking corrective actions.

Basics

- We broadly define a fault to be anything that has a negative impact on performance
- We look at entire system from endend
 - Application
 - System
 - Network

Long-term Research Goal

- Automate fault and performance management
- Enable QoS guarantees over a network of unreliable components

Research Issues

- Systems complex
- Systems non-stationary
- Modeling difficult
 - System behavior models
 - Fault models
- Lack of general foundation

Logistics Issues

- Data scarce
 - Limited examples of faults
 - Limited "normal" data
- Do results generalize?
 - Each end-end system unique

Why the Access Grid?

- Bill Gropp
- Large, interesting end-end system
 - Potential to collect data at many different levels
 - Quality parameters of streamed audio/video provide labels
 - Public domain software
 - Cooperation

Our Approach

- Focus on decision(control) points
 - Look at different issues from this perspective
 - Monitoring
 - What measurements are needed to make decisions?
 - Measurement frequency?
 - Correlation
 - Can a good decision be make with local info only?
 - What level of correlation is necessary?

Our Approach (cont.)

Model decision points

 Use simulation to understand interactions between decisions

Where we are starting

- Identify/model decision points
 - Network
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- Data collection infrastructure
 - Existing statistics
- Simulation of Access Grid
 - Opnet

Data Collection Help

If your site would be willing to participate in our data collection please contact me at hocd@iit.edu

Side benefit

 Public database of (cleansed) data to be used for research purposes